Supporting All Students

Title IV, Part A
Student Support and Academic
Enrichment Grants

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- ★ December 2015 – signed into law
  - ★ Authorized the new Title IV, Part A (TIVA) – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
- ★ April 2017 - Congress allocated $400M for TIVA for Federal FY17 (for school year 2017-2018)
  - ★ Gave states flexibility to run as a competitive grant
- ★ May/June 2017 – Allocations to states finalized
- ★ Summer 2017 – ESE will confirm application details and district allocations

TIVA - Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grants (SSAE)

★ ESE will allocate SSAE as formula grants to districts

★ District allocations will be determined using Title I, Part A formulas (estimated at ~2.5%)

Purpose of SSAE Formula Grants

★ **The purpose of the SSAE grant is to build capacity of districts to help ensure that <u>all</u> students have equitable access to high quality educational experiences.**

★ Districts have significant flexibility to tailor investments to meet the unique needs of their students.

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Goals of SSAE

★ To provide all students with access to a well-rounded education;

★ To improve school conditions for student learning; and

★ To improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

Basic Requirements

★ Districts receiving **above $30,000** must conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and must expend:

  ★ At least 20% on supporting a well-rounded education

  ★ At least 20% on supporting safe and healthy students

  ★ And at least some amount on improving the use of technology

★ Any district receiving **less than $30,000** is not required to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment.

  ★ District must assure funds will support SSAE priorities

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Basic Requirements

★ Districts must provide equitable services for non-public school students

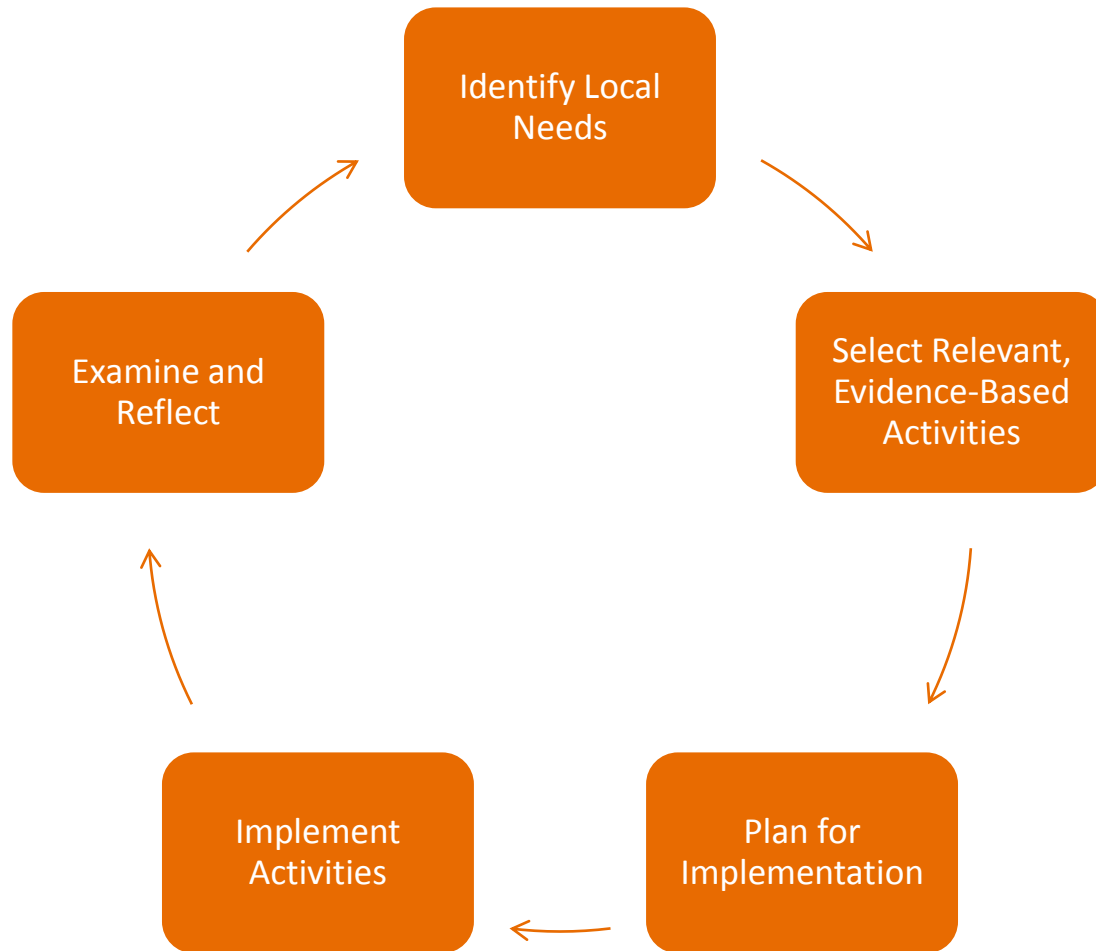★ Districts may flex their TIVA funds into other title programs

Anticipated Timeline

★ Coordinated application with Title I, Part A

★ Application release: Summer 2017

★ Deadline for submission: September 30, 2017

Implementing Effective SSAE Programming

Identify Local Needs

Select Relevant, Evidence-Based Activities

Plan for Implementation

Implement Activities

Examine and Reflect

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Use of Funds

Well-Rounded Education

★ Funds can be used to increase access to and/or improve the quality of learning opportunities across disciplines, including:

  ★ civic learning and engagement

  ★ STEM

  ★ the arts

  ★ comprehensive health and physical education

  ★ …and more.

★ Activities may include but are not limited to hiring staff and providing professional development.

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Well-Rounded Education

★ Funds may be used to cover some or all of the cost of **AP and other accelerated learning exam fees** for low-income students for both school year 2017 and 2018. Funds may also support other costs related to increasing access to AP and other accelerated learning coursework.

Safe & Healthy Learning Environments

★ Funds can support evidence-based programming and other services that help to create safe and healthy learning environments for all students.

★ Activities may include but are not limited to

- ★ implementing prevention and/or intervention programs
- ★ providing school-based mental health services and counseling

★ Activities may include but are not limited to hiring staff and providing professional development.

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Safe & Healthy Learning Environments

★ Proposed activities must either be evidence-based or accompanied by a logic model that demonstrates why they are expected to be effective in addressing the identified needs.

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Effective Use of Technology

★ Funds may support access to technology resources and to train and support educators in their use.

★ Activities may include but are not limited to:

  ★ delivering specialized, rigorous curricula using technology;

  ★ building technology infrastructure;

  ★ carrying out blended learning projects;

  ★ hiring staff; and

  ★ providing professional development.

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Effective Use of Technology

★ Districts may not spend more than 15% of funding under this part on technology hardware or infrastructure (e.g., devices, equipment, software applications, platforms, digital instructional resources and/or other one-time IT purchases).

Q&A

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